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Drug diversion leads to suspension for Adams County pharmacy technician

OLYMPIA — The pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant credentials of Rosa Sandoval (PTEC.VA.60065206, PHAA.VB.00064081) have been immediately suspended.

The state Department of Health and Board of Pharmacy summarily suspended Sandoval based on allegations she diverted controlled substances from the pharmacy where she worked.

She cannot practice or be employed as a pharmacy technician or pharmacy assistant in Washington pending resolution of charges.

The statement of charges say Sandoval diverted hydrocodone from the pharmacy where she worked over several months and was found in possession of the drugs. She also failed to cooperate with the agency's investigation as required.

Sandoval has 20 days to respond to the charges and 10 days to request a hearing.

Legal documents are available online; click the link to "Provider Credential Search" on the left column of the Department of Health home.page (www.doh.wa.gov) or call 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The Board of Pharmacy regulates pharmacists in Washington. The program establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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